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SUBJ: POSSIBLE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN SEISMOLOGY

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ADVISED BY OFFICIAL OF VENEZUELAN FOUNDATION FOR SEISMOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION (FUNVISIS) OF PROJECTED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FUNVISIS AND US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RELATING TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN FIELD OF SEISMOLOGY. FUNVISIS SENT DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR MEMORANDUM TO ROBERT M. HAMILTON, CHIEF, OFFICE OF EARTHQUAKE STUDIES, USGS, RESTON ON DEC. 29, 1976 AND FEB. 3. FEB 3 DRAFT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AS BEING IN ACCORD WITH THE 1952 US-VENEZUELAN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WHICH IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS GENERAL BASIS FOR PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. A COPY OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND/V.
2. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN AWARE OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS, AND WE ARE SURPRISED THAT A USG AGENCY WOULD BE MOVING TOWARD AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITHOUT INFORMING US OR, WE ASSUME, THE DEPARTMENT. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE USGS WOULD COMMUNICATE THROUGH THIS EMBASSY OR KEEP US UP TO DATE ON WHAT AMOUNTS TO AN OFFICIAL NEGOTIATION.
3. THE DEPARTMENT (L) MAY WISH TO REVIEW ANY PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SINCE IT DOES INVOLVE OBLIGATIONS ON

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THE PART OF A USG AGENCY. NOTE THAT THE VENEZUELAN DRAFT CONSIDERS THE PROPOSED MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING TO FALL UNDER THE 1952 AGREEMENT, AND THE DRAFT STATES IN PART THAT THE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING PROVIDES THE BASIS "UNDER WHICH JOINT PROJECTS MAY BE CARRIED OUT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND VENEZUELA SIGNED SEPTEMBER 29, 1952." WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELATING

ANY MEMORANDUM TO THAT AGREEMENT, BUT SINCE THAT WAS IN EFFECT  
THE AID UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, DOES DOING SO RAISE ANY PRE-  
CEDENTS OR PROBLEMS FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW?  
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